

NAME AND ALIASES Mr. BERNHARDT, J. F.		COUNTRY AND PLACE Madrid, Spain	
NATIONALITY, BIRTHDATE AND BIRTHPLACE		STATUS	
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BD/18/20-7/12	26.4.44	OSS	
Official middleman for the German Government in purchase of priority materials that are still allotted to Spain. Believed to be working with two other German business men, one, Heinemann and other, Breuer.			
o Wood - 4.7.44 Engaged in smuggling of wolfram by mail. Connected with SOFINDUS, WAHLE and representative of Madrid Embassy.			
o Wood - 30.1.45			
LORSE and BESELER connected with subject in smuggling.			
See CXG - 750 - 6/1/45			
851 - 15/1/45			
873 - 16/1/45			
875 - 16/1/45			
O Memo 272	2.7.45	OSS	
Copy of Primer write-up on subject.			
BC/7/1076	30.6.45	OSS	
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PORTUGAL		SPAIN	
BERNHARDT, JOHANNES E.F.			
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NY/EC POUCH 21789. Address: Palace Hotel, Madrid. Business man, managing director of Sofindus in contact with German I.S.			
BD/18/HX-214	3.10.44	OSS	
German director. Born at Osterode, East Prussia on 1.1.97; residence at Madrid. Passport #2031, issued Madrid on 5.10.43;			
BD/18/HX-350	31.1.45	OSS	
Came to Lisbon 28.9.44 for 3 days, and again on 1.12.44.			
BD/18/HX 416	7.3.45	OSS	
BD/18/HX-466	19.4.45	OSS	
Bruno LESSER is an accomplice of BERNHARD. Subject is a close associate of Otto ECKERT.			
BC/3/144	1.4.45	OSS	
Subject is "the head of the German firm which conducts all economic negotiations between the German government and Spanish government of private firms. Was responsible for supplying the besieged German bases on the French coast by clandestine boat trips from Spain, working closely with			

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Herbert and Oscar WILMER are active members of the NSDAP in Madrid and are two of the principal assistants of Johannes BERNHARDT, who was formerly the representative of their firm in Tetuan. BERNHARDT, now acting as head of Sofindus, the German holding company at Avenida Generalísimo I, which acts as cover for SD operations, is generally considered the principal figure of the SD in Spain.

BC/10/265

23.8.45

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BERNHARDT has offered to work for Allied interests in the management of SCFINDUS. He has agreed to accept any directives laid down by an Allied advisory committee. Subject estimates capital assets of SCFINDUS, including subsidiary company (all German-owned, although in the names of Spanish nominees) at five hundred million pesetas. See document for BERNHARDT's account of his past activities and for list of subsidiaries of SCFINDUS.

the Naval Attache, the Madrid intelligence station and the German Embassy. Another similar project was entrusted to the Hamburg intelligence station.

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22.5.45

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Tried to recruit Luis LIANSO JORNET to go to the United States and South America as his personal representative, and saw that LIANSO had instructions in Morse Code.

BC/7/496 RX-406

2.2.45

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On British June 1944 Expulsion list.

BC/7/998 RX-797

6.6.45

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SD man, Barcelona (according to RESENBERG).

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Reported as head of German firm in Larache and Alcazarquivir which owns flour mills. Wealthy, and said to have made his money buying lorries, arms and ammunition and so forth in Germany for Franco's account. This firm of which this man is manager is said to supply gasoline to German submarines.

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BERNHARDT, Johann

Tetuan

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Address: 14 O'Donnell, Tetuan. Reported to be branch manager of H & O WILMER, automobile importers and exporters. Reported also to be local Nazi party in 1936 and one of most active propagandists in Spanish Morocco, working with Adolf LANGENHEIM.

BC/7/175

July 1943

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SOFINDUS; resides in Madrid; "certain prominent expulsion candidate" included on British June 1944 list.

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RX-825

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BC/8/176

19.7.45

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Translation of Statement by SCHELLENBERG, No. 17 27.7.45

(filed in V/48/F8)

Stated by SCHELLENBERG to have been Amt VI representative in Madrid.

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